

**REMARKS**

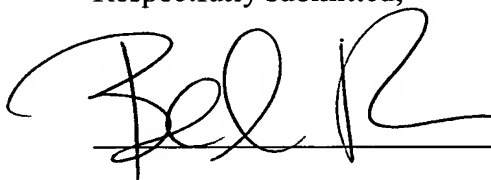
Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Claims 1-6 are requested to be cancelled. Claims 8-10 are currently being amended to change the typographical error "and are" to "are". After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 7-17 are now pending in this application.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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